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1 On page 6, after line 36, insert the following:

2 "The application form must also provide a box the applicant may
3 check to indicate that he or she is a member of the armed forces."

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4 On page 9, after line 23, insert the following:

5 **"Sec. 12.** RCW 29A.40.091 and 2004 c 271 s 135 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The county auditor shall send each absentee voter a ballot, a
8 security envelope in which to seal the ballot after voting, a larger
9 envelope in which to return the security envelope, and instructions on
10 how to mark the ballot and how to return it to the county auditor. The
11 instructions that accompany an absentee ballot for a partisan primary
12 must include instructions for voting the applicable ballot style, as
13 provided in chapter 29A.36 RCW. The larger return envelope must
14 contain a declaration by the absentee voter reciting his or her
15 qualifications and stating that he or she has not voted in any other
16 jurisdiction at this election, together with a summary of the penalties
17 for any violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. The return
18 envelope must provide a box the voter may check to indicate that he or
19 she is a member of the armed forces. The return envelope must provide
20 space for the voter to indicate the date on which the ballot was voted
21 and for the voter to sign the oath. A summary of the applicable
22 penalty provisions of this chapter must be printed on the return

1 envelope immediately adjacent to the space for the voter's signature.
2 The signature of the voter on the return envelope must affirm and
3 attest to the statements regarding the qualifications of that voter and
4 to the validity of the ballot. For out-of-state voters, overseas
5 voters, and service voters, the signed declaration on the return
6 envelope constitutes the equivalent of a voter registration for the
7 election or primary for which the ballot has been issued. The voter
8 must be instructed to either return the ballot to the county auditor by
9 whom it was issued or attach sufficient first class postage, if
10 applicable, and mail the ballot to the appropriate county auditor no
11 later than the day of the election or primary for which the ballot was
12 issued.

13 If the county auditor chooses to forward absentee ballots, he or
14 she must include with the ballot a clear explanation of the
15 qualifications necessary to vote in that election and must also advise
16 a voter with questions about his or her eligibility to contact the
17 county auditor. This explanation may be provided on the ballot
18 envelope, on an enclosed insert, or printed directly on the ballot
19 itself. If the information is not included, the envelope must clearly
20 indicate that the ballot is not to be forwarded and that return postage
21 is guaranteed."

22 Renumber the sections following consecutively and correct internal
23 references accordingly.

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24 In line 3 of the title, after "29A.08.651," strike "and 29A.08.775"
25 and insert "29A.08.775, and 29A.40.091"

EFFECT: (1) Requires that voter registration application form

contain a box that the applicant may check to indicate whether he or she is a member of the armed forces;

(2) Requires that absentee ballot envelope contain box that the applicant may check to indicate whether he or she is a member of the armed forces.

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